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CONSERVATION DISTRICT AWARDS OVER A HALF MILLION DOLLARS IN GRANTS TO LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES

(INDIANA, PA) On April 29th, the Indiana County Conservation District (ICCD) announced \$534,297 in grant awards to local municipalities for rural road infrastructure improvements. These grants were provided through the ICCD Dirt, Gravel, and Low Volume Road Maintenance (DGLVR) Program.

According to Brooke Russick, Indiana County Conservation Dirt, Gravel & Low Volume Roads Program Specialist, "The Conservation District received 27 applications for over 1.86 Million in grant requests, making this year a highly competitive year for the DGLVR program."

Six municipalities were awarded grant funding. East Mahoning Township received a combined \$162,125 for three projects on Gilgal Rd., Steffy Rd., and Rowe Rd. Grant Township received \$88,224 for three projects on Hetzler Rd. (2 projects) and Braughler Rd. Green Township received \$89,503 for four projects on Barr Rd, Redwood Rd, Stitt Rd, and Raspberry Rd. Banks Township received \$53,863 for one project on Spotts Road and Center Township received \$57,360 for one project on Johnson Rd. The PA Game Commission received a \$83,522 grant for one project on Tower Road in Banks Township.

Conservation District Executive Director, Douglas Beri Jr., stated "the District's DGLVR Program provides much needed critical funding to support rural road infrastructure improvements in the county. This funding helps municipalities improve roads for reduced long term maintenance and costs, while making our rural roads safer to travel on."

He added "the funding of these 13 road projects will also have a significant impact of reducing the impact of road sediments on streams and wetlands, while improving road drainage to better manage stormwater flows."



Any public road owner can qualify for grant funds, including townships, boroughs, and the PA Game Commission. Projects are chosen based on criteria developed by a board of local representatives. For more information, contact the Indiana County Conservation District at (724) 471-4751.

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Awarded Grant Township Braughler Road Project Site – photo shows an entrenched, deteriorated, and significantly eroded road surface.

Assignment Editors' Note: If you are interested in obtaining additional pictures or interviews, please contact Douglas Beri Jr. at 724-471-4715 Ext. 4 or d.beri@iccdpa.org.

